



PAUL BUNYAN RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

February 2020 NEWSLETTER

The January 14, 2020, meeting was called to order by President Dave Thomson with 29 members present at Waubee Lodge. A motion was made by Patty Martin, and seconded by Ron Schmocker, Sr., to accept the secretary's report from our December meeting as printed, emailed, & posted on the website. M/C.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ron Schmocker Sr., and a motion was made by Jim Juran, and seconded by Kurt Butler, to accept the report as given. M/C.

Trail report: Trail Boss Bob Prasser reported 100% of the Paul Bunyan trails are open and are in excellent condition. We've had some equipment breakdowns to deal with, but the groomer crew continues to handle the problems and find solutions to keep trails excellent. We've had some major issues with tracks and one groomer, which will need about a \$4,000 repair. But the guys keep running each day with what is available. Thanks to them for all they do. Couldn't ask for better trails based on the limited snow of late.

AWSC Director Report: Kurt Butler highlighted a couple items. The Director's Minutes from the Cable WI meeting were emailed out to all members with email addresses.

- Blue Mounds issue is getting close and will require some comments to be sent in February. Kurt will have Diane email out information once available.
- Don't use E 15 fuel in your sleds. Some stations may be carrying that type of fuel, so read the pumps before you fuel. E15 does significant engine damage to snowmobiles.

AWSC Youth (KAOS) Program: Kurt mentioned Kaos youth group will be in the area February 7-9, 2020. The Ride will be in Memory of Dave Peterson.

Old Business: Several members asked about signage for businesses and Kiosks for maps. Based upon where our trails run (private vs county or National Forest) we have signage restrictions. Some people volunteered to meet and discuss what we can do where, and perhaps volunteer to build Kiosks for maps in locations where needed and allowed.

New Business:

- We will be using numbered Ping Pong balls for the meat raffle this year. A sportsman's club was fined \$15,000 for using a wheel at a raffle. This will not change anything with our tickets, but may just slow it down a little. It's hopeful that a law change for non-profit fundraisers will make wheels legal to use in the future. Please check the Fun Day schedule for your shift times for Snow Fun Day.
- The club submitted a \$26,000 bill to FEMA for reimbursement of expenses for brushing and cleanup of our trails from the July storm. We now wait to see how much Fema will cover.
- **Nominating Committee** was formed for the March elections. We need a Secretary and one board member positions filled. If you can help out by running for an office, contact one of the following members: Mary Kay Thomson 715-276-6209; Dennis Pommering 262-709-6288; or Patty Martin 715-276-1778. *(Before they contact you)*

Door Prize: The Gift certificate for a Free Pizza was won by Patty Martin. Thanks to Russ for being a Business Booster Member, Poker Book Sponsor, and for hosting the meeting. Thanks to his Staff, for providing the great snacks.

50-50 Raffle: The \$43 was won by Kurt Butler.

A motion to adjourn, was made by Dean Martin, and seconded by Mary Vanderveren. M/C

Next meeting will be at Halfway Bar on February 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Fitzpatrick, Secretary

February Newsletter Notes:

The club would like to thank the following members who donated additional funds to the club but were left off the previous newsletter list: Jim & Patty Bauman. Thanks also to a non-member, Brian Schmidt, who has a property in the area and donated to the club for our trails.

The **Snow Fun Day at Waubee Lodge** was certainly a busy day. I can't give you any financial information right now. Bills and expenses are still being processed. We should know how we did by our February meeting. I do want to thank all the 35-40 some members who donated time to work one or more shifts to make the Snow Fun Day a success. Thank you! Thank you!

Special thanks go out to those Individuals or Businesses who donated raffle baskets, prizes, or gift certificates:

Patty & Jim Bauman – raffle basket
Tom & Gloria Mulroy – raffle item
Brad & Aurora Williamson – raffle item
Wally & Amy Klapper – raffle item
Rick & Barb Fisher – 3 raffle items
Steve & Rachel Greely – raffle basket
Sherry Eilrich & Bruce Kaminski – 2 raffle baskets
MJ/Maiden Lake Supper Club – raffle basket/gift certificate
Joe Kampf & Binder Lake Lodge – gift certificate
Ski Hill Bar – gift certificate
Pour Haus – gift certificates
Robb & Beth Wied – gift card
Mulligan's Sports Bar – for making & donating the Chili
Sandtrap Bar & Grill – for cooking the Brats & Hotdogs for us
Mary Kay Thomson - for making the Baked Beans for us
Green Bay Packers – for donating the autographed football

Thanks to those who donated Booze for the Bucket of Booze Raffle:

Sherri & Dan Guendert
Brad & Aurora Williamson
Wally & Amy Klapper
Patty & Jim Bauman
Carl & Mary Vanderveren
Bill Craggs & Brothers-in-law
Maiden Lake Supper Club
Everbreeze Resort
Woodland Trail Winery

Hopefully I have not left anyone off. If so let me know. Thanks too, if you just came, and/or brought friends, to spend money on any of the raffles or entered the Fish-a-ree. It appeared to be a pretty steady turn out all day.

Many club members know how much work a day like this is. It would be great if we could form a **Snow Fun Day Committee** and spread out this work over the year and get some new, fresh ideas. Not everything needs to be done here in Lakewood. Some things can be done via phone or email. Many of you may be involved like this in your home area with other organizations, and have new ideas. So if you are interested in helping plan next year's fundraiser, please email paulbunyanriders@gmail.com and put "**Snow Fun Day - I want to find out how I can help**" in the subject line. If there's enough interest we can start planning during the summer sometime.

Finally, **BRAT FRY'S**. We have two scheduled for this summer. Both are on Friday's. May 29, 2020 and July 17, 2020. I think I have the cooks lined up for these two, however we need additional workers for both. We should have at least a Cashier/order taker and 2 workers inside serving, besides the cook. (That's 4 but 2 people could split a shift). This year the hours for serving are 10am to 2pm. (Set up & Cooking from 9am to 1pm). Please sign up at a meeting, OR email or call me at 715-340-8824. Thanks.